



## **Press Release**

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### **NCS confirms no residential part to autumn 2020 Programme**

#### **The Trust's digital offering connects nearly 70,000 teens in two weeks**

NCS Trust has announced that due to the continued uncertainty about social gatherings in 2020, there will not be a residential element as part of the autumn programme taking place in October.

Teens will still be able to participate in the UK's flagship youth development programme but the residential stay will be adapted to bring the experience to life without the nights away.

The Trust is working with its partners to help develop an innovative new approach to the autumn offering which will still deliver life changing benefits for young people.

This announcement follows the news of a repurposed version of the traditional NCS programme for this extraordinary summer. The Trust is now delivering content through NCS digital channels, focussing on the skills and life lessons not learnt in the classroom.

Nearly 70,000 teens have already accessed the content within the newly launched ['Staying Connected Hub'](#) and there have been over 100,000 interactions with the content on social channels enabling young people across the country to make new connections during lockdown.

**NCS Trust CEO Mark Gifford explains:** "As life has been put on pause for young people, NCS can help them to stay connected, focused on their future and the tangible ways they can get involved with the country's recovery. Our autumn programme may not have a residential stay in 2020, but this won't diminish the positive impact NCS can have on supporting teens to reconnect after lockdown.

The Trust is fortunate to have such a strong, resilient and adaptive network of partners who are able to work with us to support young people during these challenging times.”

NCS is also ensuring that young people’s voices are heard in the discussion about life after lockdown. Its [Youth Rising Podcast](#) which has been developed by teens for teens, has gone from strength to strength during lockdown with audience figures doubling and a second series being commissioned.

Anyone who was expecting to take part in NCS this autumn and has a question for the Trust should go to the NCS website: <https://wearencs.com/>

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## **About NCS**

NCS is an experience like no other. Designed for 16-17 year olds across England and Northern Ireland, NCS is a youth programme that runs every summer and autumn, during school holidays. Teens get the opportunity to mix with a new crowd, live away from home for a while, take on new challenges and in the process build lifelong friendships.

The programme is all about emboldening young people – by giving them a taste of independence and equipping them with essential skills for life. NCSers then get a chance to take these new-found skills for a test-run in their local community.

NCS is dedicated to providing a platform to make sure young people are heard and can engage with their community by completing passion projects, raising awareness and providing solutions to the issues they care about.

The experience might last just a few weeks, but the impact? That lasts a lot longer. Since 2009 nearly 600,000 young people have taken part in NCS, completing over 14.5 million hours of community action, and gaining priceless life experiences.

NCS costs no more than £50 - with bursaries and support for those with special educational needs or disabilities also available. NCS’s mission is to give every young person the life-changing experience.

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## **About NCS Trust**

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